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U.S. Patent No. 4,978,591 (Wright);

U.S. Patent No. 5,525,436 (Savinell et al.);

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 05003042 A, published January 8, 1993, including English abstract; and

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